GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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PAYMENT OF PENALTY
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai;Bhakta Shri Manoranjan;Kumar Shri Shailendra;Prabhu Shri Suresh Prabhakar

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dow Chemicals of U.S.A. has agreed to pay penalty to Indian Pesticide Regulators as reported in `The Hindustan Times` dated February 17, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K.HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b) ; No, Sir. No penalty has been paid by Dow Chemicals of U.S.A.to Indian Pesticide Regulators.

(c) : The Government of India, on the basis of press reports and a report of proceedings of the Securities & Exchange Commission of the United States of America, understands that the Dow Chemicals Company reportedly made numerous improper payments to Indian Government officials at the State and Federal level to register and market several agro chemical products, during 1996-2001, through subsidiary De-Nocil Crop Protection Ltd. The Government of India has ordered an enquiry into these allegations along with review of registrations undertaken by the Company during this period.